

Alan H. Crowe 1932 - 2006



Alan H. Crowe was born on July 22, 1932, in Knoxville, Tenn. On Oct. 28, 2006, he passed away while surrounded by his family after a long battle with pulmonary fibrosis. He is survived by his wife, Enid, to whom he was married for 55 years, and their six children, David Crowe, Celeste Ingalls, Aaron Crowe, Jason Crowe, Michael Crowe and Gary Crowe. He had seven grandchildren, one great-granddaughter and four more that called him grandpa. A veteran of the Korean War, during which he spent four years aboard a Navy refueling tanker in the Mediterranean, his career as an investigator began in 1956 when he went to work as an adjuster for The Travelers Insurance Company while attending San Francisco Law School at night. After 10 years, he became a licensed investigator in the San Francisco Bay Area and in 1968 joined the National Association of Legal Investigators (NALI). He served as its editor and publisher (1972-1973) and served on the original CLI committee, which developed the Certified Legal Investigator exam. He then authored the chapter on "Case Investigation" in the first edition (1976) of the "Civil Litigation Manual," published by the Oregon State Bar. In 1969, he became the chief investigator for the Pozzi, Wilson & Atchison law firm and moved his family to Portland. In 1981, he returned to the ranks of the independent when he established Crowe Legal Services, Inc., with his sons Jason and Gary. His son, Aaron, and daughter, Celeste, were soon to follow. A founding member of the National Association of Professional Process Servers (NAPPS) in 1982, his company, now Alan H. Crowe & Associates, Inc., was awarded the contract to provide management services in 1989. In the succeeding 17 years, during which his company has provided these services, the association has grown from 293 members to nearly 1,700 members. During this time, he had become an icon in the industry. Virtually every process server in the country would turn to him for advice on complex problems and issues relating to the industry. A founding member of the Oregon Association of Legal Investigators (OALI), he served in many different capacities over the following years. **In 1996, he began**

Crowe Foreign Services, a company that specializes in providing legal support services in foreign countries pursuant to international treaties and through private agents. Alan was the recipient of two special awards for distinguished and outstanding service to the process service industry; the Bert Rosenthal Memorial Award (2002) from the California Association of Photocopiers and Process Servers (CAPPS) and the Donald C. "Mac" MacDonald Award (2003) from the Na-

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tional Association of Professional Process Servers. His life centered on serving an industry and an association. He was instrumental in NAPPS being recognized and admitted as the United States member of the Union Internationale des Huissiers de Justice (UIHJ), which works to improve national procedural law and international treaties. As the Administrator for NAPPS, he helped untold numbers who called, wrote and emailed on a daily basis. He traveled the country to fight legislation that adversely affected process servers and investigators while single handedly monitoring legislation in all 50 states. A memorial service was held at 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, 2006 in the Hilton Hotel, 921 S.W. Sixth Avenue, in downtown Portland. A celebration of his life followed at 5 p.m. in the grand ballroom. Donations may be made in Alan's name to "Feeding the Needy," First Baptist Church, 909 S.W. 11th Avenue, Portland, OR 97205

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OALI Valley Regional Seminar

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By Timothy Newell

The December 9th, 2006 Valley Regional Seminar and Networking Meeting conducted at Lane Community College in Eugene, OR was a great success with 30+ investigators attending.

We had a panel discussion with (4) great speakers who answered questions submitted by the audience, as well as previously submitted questions. The speakers were Alan Crowe, a veteran process server, Ted Tolliver and Clyde Gideon, veteran private investigators and former board members of OALI and Jeff Thayer, a civil attorney. The questions, as well as the discussion, were informative and the networking fantastic. We gave out discount certificates for future seminars in the drawings that we conducted at break times throughout the afternoon.



Look for future Valley Regional Seminars in the Spring and please take the time to attend any and all other region seminars to further your networking and knowledge of this profession. Thanks again to the panel speakers and the members of the OALI Board as well as all the investigators that attended. If you have any questions or ideas for another future topic or would like to share at a seminar then please feel free to contact me: Timothy P. Newell (NEWELL_TIMOTHY@MSN.COM) or email or contact President Greg Parsons from our OALI website.